

and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof
wherein Ar¹ is indole, benzimidazole, or benzotriazole, optionally substituted with lower
alkyl (1-4C), halo, or lower alkoxy (1-4C);

X¹ is CO or an isostere thereof;

Y is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl;

n is 0 or 1;

Z is CH or N;

 X^2 is CH, CH_2 or an isostere thereof; and

Ar² consists of one or two phenyl moieties directly coupled to X² and optionally substituted by halo, nitro, alkyl (1-6C), CN or CF₃, or by RCO, COOR, CONR₂, NR₂, OR or SR, wherein R is H or alkyl (1-6C) or by phenyl, itself optionally substituted by the foregoing substituents;

with the proviso that if Z is N, X^1 is CO, and Ar^1 is indole, Ar^1 must be coupled to X^1 through the 2-, 5-, 6- or 7-position.

These compounds are useful in the treatment of conditions associated with inflammation. In addition, the above compounds and other compounds described herein are useful in treating conditions associated with cardiac failure.

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